



To: Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

From: Eric B. Smith, Legal Counsel

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RE: Testimony in Support of SB 153 (Written only)

Thank for allowing the League of Municipalities to provide written testimony in support of SB 153. This bill simply adds any public building that is used as a public library to the list of buildings exempted from the requirements of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-7c20. As you are all aware, this statute provides that a concealed carry licensee is permitted to enter a public building unless certain requirements are met by the governing body.

The League continues to take no position on the public policy issue of gun possession or control. However, we do strongly believe that a local governing body should be able to make the decision about what takes place in a local public building. SB 153 would provide some local control over a locally owned public building. The governing body in charge of a public library would be able to determine if their community felt the need to prohibit conceal carry in their public library without having to undergo the expense currently necessary to do so.

The League of Kansas Municipalities respectfully requests that the Committee pass SB 153 favorable for passage.